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Paul's Jailer Believes in JESUS

Acts 16:16-34



Instructions: Have your child fold the student page to create a three-dimensional jail cell as a puppet stage. Have your child use a marker to draw faces on three bow-tie pasta puppets to make Paul, Silas, and the jailer. Give your child a small amount of clay to place at the bottom of each puppet so the puppets will stand up. Show your child how to create jail bars by making 1-inch cuts at the top and bottom edges of the student page and placing drinking straws into the slits. Have your child retell the Bible story, shaking the puppet stage when the earthquake occurs. (For additional classroom instructions, see the Teacher Guide.)



What I Learned Today...

Bible Story: This week's Bible story (Acts 16:16-34) tells us that Jesus can save us as he saved the jailer from his sins. While Paul and Silas were telling others about Jesus, they were beaten and thrown in jail; but even in jail, Paul and Silas sang praises to God. While they were locked up, an earthquake opened the jail doors and broke the chains that held Paul and Silas. When Paul and Silas didn't run away, the jailer was so amazed that he asked how he could be saved. Paul and Silas explained that the jailer must believe in Jesus. The jailer took care of their wounds from the beating, gave them good food, and rejoiced in the salvation he had received.

Key Verse: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31a).

Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help

your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge! (Have kids circle their choice below.)

- ☞ Make a present for Jesus and tell Jesus that the present is for him because you're thankful that he came to save you!
- ☞ Say a prayer each night before you go to bed, thanking Jesus for coming to save you!
- ☞ Sit in a circle with your family and tell each other why you are thankful that Jesus came to save us.

Sing this song with your child while doing a clapping rhythm. Pat your legs twice and then clap your hands twice. Once you have the rhythm going smoothly, begin singing this song to the tune of "London Bridge."

Paul and Silas went to town,
Went to town,
Went to town.
Paul and Silas went to town,
Telling about Jesus.

Paul and Silas were locked up,
Were locked up,
Were locked up.
Paul and Silas were locked up,
But Jesus set them free.
(Repeat first verse.)

- ASK**
- ☞ Why were Paul and Silas in jail?
 - ☞ What happened while Paul and Silas were in the jail?
 - ☞ What did the jailer ask Paul and Silas?

Give your child a box

of sugar cubes to build the jail or the jailer's house. Use frosting to hold the sugar cubes together and thin licorice strips to represent the bars of the jail.



When the jail or house is finished, set it in a special place in your home to remind your child that Jesus saved the jailer and his family. Tell your child that Jesus wants us to believe in him and that Jesus will save us from our sins, too.

ASK

- ☞ What did Paul and Silas do while they were in jail?
- ☞ What did they tell the jailer about how he could be saved?

